of Civil Aviation for implementation by the concerned agencies/units to prevent recurrence of similar incidents/accidents.

(e) DGCA has issued instructions to all airport managements for preventing ground incidents by controlling entry permits at airports, installing speed governors in vehicles plying in apron areas, carrying out regular surveillance and recommending/taking punitive action for violations.

Delays in flights of Air India and Indian Airlines

3. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry took a strong view of the unprecedented delays of both Air lndia and Indian Airlines during November-December, 2007 also due to fog-birds-hits and technical snags, shortages of pilots and ground staff;

(b) if so, whether he had promised strong corrective action against those who were responsible for delays in the last year and had promised to remove these hurdles in the current year; and

(c) if so, what corrective measures and steps are being considered, so that such situation does not arise in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to ensure that such situation does not arise in future the airline has rationalised flights and crew allocation and is closely monitoring and taking corrective on a daily basis. A Punctuality Coordination Cell has been functioning round the clock at Mumbai airport and a Corporate Level Control Room has also been set up at Delhi, Mumbai which will be integrated with the Hub Control set up so as to coordinate with various flight handling departments with a view to ensuring punctuality of flights.

Airhostess training for tribal girls

4. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is proposing to launch a scheme on the lines similar to that of the State Government of Maharashtra to train tribal girls in the country to become airhostesses;

(b) if so, whether the selected girls would be imparted training in the Public Sector Airlines;

(c) if so, how many tribal girls would complete their training by the end of 2008 and 2009. State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not launching such scheme for the welfare of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE-MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Whenever vacancies for cabin crew in the national carrier arise, advertisements are issued and necessary concessions as per Government rules are given to the Scheduled Tribe candidates. On their selection as Cabin Crew, they are imparted in-house training as per guidelines issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). DGCA does not recognise any course offered by private agencies for air hostess training.

Pilferation of baggage/luggage at Delhi and Mumbai airports

5. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the baggage/luggage of passengers are stolen by some mafias at the Delhi and Mumbai airports;

(b) if so, details of complaints received in this regard during the last three years;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in such incidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that in future baggage/luggage may not be misplaced/pilferated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from Delhi and Mumbai Police.

(e) Scheduled domestic airlines have taken *inter alia* following steps to curb incidents of theft/pilferage at airports:

Passengers are advised not to carry their jewellery and cash in their checked-in-baggage; In-house vigilance team of airlines at major airports to check cases of theft/pilferage; All loaders are frisked thoroughly before and after the loading;Enhanced vigilance at airports; Loading/unloading of checked in bagage under supervision of Security/Airport services staff; Automated Baggage Reconciliation system at metros to reduce instances of such mishandling; External training is imparted to ramp staff (especially loaders) on baggage handling; Surveilance is maintained on check in baggages by Security/commercial personnel from X-ray BIS Baggage Make up Area and still loading in the aircraft; CIW (Crime & Intelligence Wing) staff has been geared up/to enhance the surveillance in and around the airport premises. The CCTV coverage of the airport is being progressively improved to curb undersirable activities; Crack teams to conduct surprise checking and frisking of loaders have been formed.

Efficacy of ILS and Category-HI system at IGI Airport

6. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Instrument Landing System (ILS) at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is not functioning properly, causing inconvenience to passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;